

Section 2 - Essay 60 Minutes

Directions: Choose one of the three essay prompts.

Develop a clear thesis to respond to ONE of the prompts. Use specific examples from multiple sources to illustrate your point. Be sure to RESPOND TO THE PROMPT. Your essay will be evaluated based on the clarity of your statements, the quality of your examples, and your analysis of those examples.

1. **Agree or disagree:** Checkpoints, walls, surveillance and separate neighborhoods help prevent conflict and keep people safe. Use specific examples from the text and other sources (radio, readings, movies) to defend your opinion.

You may find these pages helpful:

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OR

2. Discuss the spectrum of ideas and experiences in the city of Jerusalem. How does diversity affect life in Jerusalem? Organize your essay around 3 specific categories and then give specific examples from the text, readings, movies, and radio programs.

OR

3. **Agree or Disagree.** The conflict in Jerusalem and the surrounding territories is, primarily, a religious conflict. Organize your essay around 3 specific examples of conflict. Then tell why the conflict is, or is not, the result of religious beliefs and religious identity.

OR

4. **Agree or Disagree.** The city of Jerusalem is like Washington DC. In this essay, you must discuss whether or not DC and Jerusalem are “holy” and you must discuss what makes them holy. In addition, choose 2 other categories that make the cities similar or different.